

xltv?ii 3** ^e ma ^evo ^ent n¹⁰¹ ^ w ho threatens us
with

murderous weapon, from him defend
us, and also
from sin.

32. Scatter, divine AGNI, by thy flame,
that evil-
doer, the man who seeks to kill us.

33. Subduer of foes, grant to
BHARADW^{JA} infinite.
happiness and desirable wealth.

34. May AGNI, propitiated by praise,
desirous of
(sacrificial) affluence, kindled, bright, and fed
with

burnt-offerings, destroy all adversaries,¹

35. Eadiant in the embryo of the
maternal (earth),
on the imperishable (altar); the cherisher of
the
paternal (heaven),² sitting on the seat of sacrifice.

36. Bring to us, J^{TAVEDAS}, all-beholder,
food with
progeny; such (food) as is brilliant in heaven.³

37. Strength-begotten AGNI, we,
offering (sacrifi-
cial) food, address praises to thee who art of
pleasing
aspect.*

38. We have recourse, AGNI, to the
shelter of thee,

kdydgnim dhanti, sa prerayati mdnvtam,
maruteu-tu urasi
ckaran, mandram janayoti twaram, mind excites
the fire of the
body, that excites the collective vital airs, and they,
passing into
the breast, engender agreeable, articulate sonnd.

¹ *Sama-Veda*, i. 4., n. 746.; *Yajnr-Veda*, S3.
9.: *MM-*

dhara interprets the first part somewhat
differently, *Ayni* en-
tirely destroys all by manifold worship.

² *Qarbhe mdtuk, pitushpitd*: here, as before,
the mother of
Agni is the earth, the father is heaven: *A\$ni* is
said to be the
father or "fosterer of his parent heaven, by
transmitting to it the
flame and smoke of burnt-offerings: also *Sdma-*
Veda, TI. 747.

**Sdma-Veda*, n. 748.

⁴ T&itt. n. 1055.